





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 1, 2020 COVID-19 Update in Door County

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As of today, a total of two Door County residents have tested positive for COVID 19. Both individuals are known to have had travel outside of Door County. One resident traveled to surrounding counties within the state of Wisconsin, and one resident traveled outside of the state. Both individuals have been in isolation since the date of testing. In accordance with privacy laws, no other information about these cases can or will be shared with the public.

Door County Public Health is actively responding to all cases of COVID 19. You will be contacted if it has been determined that you may have been in close contact with an infected person. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, close contact is defined as being less than 6 feet of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time; close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a healthcare waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case or having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on).

Identifying a positive case in Door County is not unexpected. It is also expected that more cases will be identified. Refer to the Door County Situational Report for current case counts. It is important to know that case counts reflect a fraction of the total cases in any county as not all patients with COVID-19 symptoms are tested.

These cases should serve to remind all of us about the importance of following the <u>CDC Guidelines</u> on social distancing and maintaining good hand washing to prevent the spread of disease. The entire community is urged to support these efforts. Slowing spread of COVID-19 is necessary to keep from overwhelming our health care system and protecting those most at risk of serious illness.

Travel to and from Door County is highly discouraged. We know that COVID 19 is spreading throughout the United States and Wisconsin. If you choose to return to Door County, Door County Public Health requests that you quarantine for a full 14 days. Although there is no enforceable action regarding travel, Governor Evers "Safer at Home" order prohibits all non-essential travel.